The motion was carried.

Clauses 1 to 20.

The question that clauses 1 to 20 and the schedule stand part of the Bill was put to the vote of the House and carried.

Preamble and Title.

The Preamble and Title were then put to the House and carried.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: Sir, I beg to move that the Bill be now passed.

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: I second it.

The motion that the Bill be passed was put to the vote of the House and carried.

THE TRAVANCORE IDENTIFICATION OF PRISONERS BILL.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: I beg to move that the Travancore Identification of Prisoners Bill as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration. The object of this Bill is to give legal sanction to police officers in the State to take measurements and photographs of convicted persons. Even though police officers now exercise this power, it is not supported by legal sanction. If any person refuses, he cannot be punished. The object of this Bill is to enable police officers as also courts to take measurements and photographs of such persons.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: It is stated in clause 6 of the Bill that "If any person who under this Regulation is required to allow his measurements or photograph to be taken resists or refuses to allow the taking of the same, it shall be lawful to use all means necessary to secure the taking thereof". May I know whether force can be used

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: Yes, force can be used.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know whether there is any instance of the refusal on the part of any person?

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: None that I know of.

President: I have heard of the refusal of a Mappila prisoner which resulted in the fracture of a warder's jaw.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the police can detain an individual for the purpose of taking an impression?

Mr Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: That is not what is meant. If a man refuses to give an impression of his finger somebody can take hold of his finger and have it impressed. Similarly a man can be photographed.

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: I second it.

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The question that the Travancore Identification of Prisoners Bill be taken into consideration was then put and carried.

Clauses 1 to 9.

The question that clauses 1 to 9 do stand part of the Bill was then put and carried.

The clauses were added to the Bill.

Preamble and Title.

The question that the Preamble and the Title do stand part of the Bill was then put and carried.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: I beg to move that the Bill be passed.

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: I second it.

The motion was carried.

THE TRAVANCORE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES BILL.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: Sir, I beg to move that the Travancore Co-operative Societies Bill as passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly, be taken into consideration.

This Bill is not a stranger to the House. The House will remember that a committee was appointed to suggest measures for a more efficient working of the co-operative societies and to draft a Bill therefor. The report of the committee and the draft Bill submitted by them were fully discussed in this House. The present Bill is in substance the Bill recommended by the Committee, which it will be remembered was presided over by the late Mr. Devadhar. I may say however that one particular provision in the Bill framed by him, namely, that the Registrar should have power to suppress committees and appoint fresh committees, has been taken away or rather improved upon by the Assembly. The Bill as it now stands empowers the Registrar to appoint new committees but only from among the members of the society. I am referring to this because there was much criticism on this point in the Assembly and in this House. In the Bill as now passed in the Assembly, there is hardly anything objectionable. This is a Bill which has interested everybody and I do not want to take up the time of the House by explaining the various provisions of the Bill in detail.

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: I second it.

Mr. N. Ramakrishna Pillai: Sir, I beg to oppose the motion. This Bill seems to have been framed on the model of the Bombay and the Madras Acts. In the case of Bombay, the changes were necessitated on account of the economic depression that existed six or seven years ago. That was the case also in Madras. When the report of the Devadhar Committee was submitted the conditions in this State also were similar. Probably it was due to the existence of those conditions that drastic changes were recommended. But now the depression has begun to change. Further, two All-Travancore Co-operative Conferences have been held, after the submission of the report, and the recommendations made by the

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